

St Mary's School, Mosgiel Newsletter



Mission Statement—St Mary's is a Catholic School dedicated to the provision of the highest quality primary education with a special emphasis of Catholic values and attitudes.

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Term 2 Week 9

19th June 2012

62 Church Street, Mosgiel, Dunedin 9024

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of St Mary's School,

"At St Mary's: Students Learn in a positive and encouraging environment".

"Teachers know their students' learning needs very well and plan programmes to develop them into well rounded citizens".

"Students in Year Seven and Eight have valuable leadership opportunities, including being positive role models and whanau leaders". "Students learn in settled classrooms". "All students showed high levels of interest and motivation in their learning" - ERO Review 2012.

While it is always nice to read good feedback about your school when this feedback came from the Education review Office in a formal review then it is pleasing.

The above are just a sample of the pleasing feedback that we received after the ERO March visit. (The full review can be found on their website).

The challenge that schools face in this new age of National Standards is to ensure that our pupils receive an excellent grounding in the basic skills (reading, writing and mathematics) but that they are also exposed to a broad curriculum that caters holistically to their individual strengths. The fact that the ERO team stated "Teachers know their students learning needs very well and plan programmes to develop them into well rounded citizens", is high praise indeed.

Recently my son was invited to consider studying the International Baccalaureate syllabus in Years 12 and 13. The presentation highlighted many positives for the IB syllabus, but to me the aspect that I found most interesting was the holistic nature of the syllabus. It catered to the whole person and not just the academic. This is a highly thought of prestigious international qualification that opens the door to the great universities of the world and it's greatest perceived strength is vthat it caters to the whole person, which is inherent in our New Zealand curriculum. A curriculum that the ERO team stated "is well implemented to promote and encourage students learning".

So well done to the teachers and Board for achieving such a great result.

Recently in conjunction with the first round of school interviews I have been talking to the parents of our Year Six pupils about the opportunities that they can expect in our Year Seven & Eight class. This was a great opportunity to engage in positive dialogue and I was thrilled with the positive feedback and loyalty that I was privy to.

The large number of Year Six pupils who will be returning to complete their primary education at St Mary's was very affirming (and while I still have a couple of families to talk with) no one has confirmed that they will be leaving us—a great outlook for our future.

Have a great week
Mike Brosnahan

Assembly Rooms 1 and 2



Our Vision : Confident, reflective, risk-taking, lifelong learners in a Catholic School.

Dates for June

19th Quiz Night 7.30pm RSA
20th & 21st Taieri Schools Music Festival 7pm
22nd School Cross Country 11.45am
26th Food Bank Appeal
—Mufti Day see notice
27th Prepared Speeches Yrs 6-8
—Cancellation Day Cross Country
29th 1.30pm Farewell Mass for
Anne Simmons
—End Of Term2. Term 3 begins 16th July.

School Cross Country

Our school Cross Country will be held on Friday at 11.45am, starting with the youngest children.



All children are to come to school dressed in their sports uniform, with their school jersey or polar fleece over top. They will also need to bring a change of shoes for after, in case it is muddy. If the weather is too wet the cancellation date is next Wednesday 27th June.

Altar Servers Sunday 24th June

Mason & Mitchell Cumming

A thought for the week...

"No pessimist ever discovered the secret of the stars, or sailed to an uncharted land, or opened a new doorway for the human spirit" -Helen Keller



Wacky Mufti-Day!

On **Tuesday, 26th** of June,
we are having a
"Wacky Mufti-Day" for our Taieri Combined Schools Foodbank Appeal!

Don't bring money, instead bring non-perishable food items and come as wacky looking as you can! There will be Whanau group points given away to the Whanau that dresses the wackiest that brings the most items for the foodbank.

This event has been planned and organised by Room 7's
Young Vinnies Group



St Mary's School

Quiz Night Tonight!

**Tuesday 19th June 7.30pm—
still time to come along and
join in!!**

Mosgiel RSA Community Club

**\$25 per team
(max of 5 people per team)
Register at our school office
489 7716**

**Come early & have a drink with friends
beforehand.**

**Remember to bring some coins for our \$1
and \$2 raffles!**

Awesome prizes to be won!!!

Lounge tickets to a Highlanders Game
Bungy Jump
Gondola & Luge Ride and many more!

School Ski Trip

This years ski trip is open to all St Mary's families.
It will be held on the weekend
of **Saturday 1st September.**



If your family is interested in a fun discounted ski weekend please contact Simone Reynolds as soon as possible for more details.
At present group accommodation has been booked, and this must be confirmed by the end of the week.

Simone Reynolds,
Email: simone1@hotmail.co.nz
Cell phone: 021 278 8226

St Mary's Choir is performing this Wednesday and Thursday at the Taieri Schools Music Festival at Hyslop Hall, Taieri College at 7pm.



Sinead Illingworth was presented with the Sir Peter Blake Young Leaders Award by Barbara Archer, Branch Manager Westpac Mosgiel



St Mary's ODT Spelling Bee Teams



Belinda from the St John Education Team has been visiting every classroom over the last week.





Room 1 & 2 Assembly



Invitation To the St Mary's School Parents and Community



We would cordially like to invite you to attend
A Mass to
Acknowledge the Retirement
Of Mrs Anne Simmons
From teaching at
St Mary's School Mosgiel
On the 29th June, 1.30pm
At Bishop Verdon Chapel
Holy Cross College
Mosgiel
To be followed by
An afternoon tea

-learning snapshot 9 – exclusive iPad evening Wednesday 27 June!

On **Wednesday 27 June, from 6.30 pm** Bond and Bond are running an exclusive evening for schools in the Mosgiel / East Taieri District.

Apple Experts will be in-store to show you through the many benefits an iPad can offer the teaching and learning experience. However the iPad will not be the only focus of the evening, with the team able to answer any questions you may have on any of the new technology in-store, from Apple computers to tablets!

An I.T. technician from tech Solutions on site, so we encourage anyone to bring along any computers/tablets that aren't working 100%, for a free diagnosis and quote!
There will be exclusive deals for the night, spot prizes and light refreshments!

Please see the flyer attached below.

Anne Kenneally

Room 6 Bottle Bivy

Check out the fantastic progress in Room 6 with the Bottle Bivy Building. We have used over 400 bottles already and desperately need a whole lot more. Please keep gathering, cleaning and sending your bottles to Room 6.



EXCLUSIVE EDUCATION EVENING

FOR PARENTS + TEACHERS
IN THE MOSGIEL / EAST TAIERI DISTRICT

WEDNESDAY 27 JUNE
6.30 PM - 8.30 PM ONLY!

APPLE EXPERTS
IN STORE!

SPOT PRIZES
ON THE NIGHT!

REFRESHMENTS
PROVIDED!

DISCOUNTED NOTEBOOKS
AND TABLETS!

HOT IPAD DEALS!

DISCOUNTED APPLE
COMPUTERS!

HAVING TECHNICAL
ISSUES @ HOME?
BRING IN ANY I.T. EQUIPMENT TO ONE OF
OUR TECHNICIANS ON THE NIGHT, FOR
ADVICE AND A FREE DIAGNOSIS

INTEREST FREE
TERMS AVAILABLE!

BOND + BOND DUNEDIN
254 GEORGE STREET

NEED MORE INFO?
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YOU WANT IT, WE'VE GOT IT, LET'S TALK